

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 171  
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Tris Kington and the Portland High School men's basketball team upon winning the 2003 Region 4-AA Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is proud to salute the accomplishments of our exceptional athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, the very talented men of the Portland High School basketball team have delighted their many fans by winning the 4-AA Regional Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Panthers won the regional title with a 53-52 victory over York Institute in the Championship game, and they have earned a berth in the sub-state games; and

WHEREAS, with this impressive win, the Portland High School men's basketball team has proven to be a dominant force in Tennessee high school basketball; and

WHEREAS, the players who contributed to this championship season are: seniors John Ferguson, Center; Daniel Smith, Point Guard; Adam Black, Forward; Chris Jernigan, Guard; and Bo Perry, Forward; juniors Corey Brewer, Guard; DeAndre' Adams, Point Guard; Justin Edison, Forward; Juan Rodriguez, Guard; Daniel Schmidt, Forward; Brian McDaniels, Guard;

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and Zach King, Guard; sophomores Darryl Hartley, Point Guard, and Tyler Gregory, Guard; and freshman Mickey Thompson, Guard; and

WHEREAS, the Panthers were led to glory by Head Coach Tris Kington, who was ably assisted by Chris Goode and Danny Thompson; and

WHEREAS, the team was further assisted by managers Shawnta Hyten and Josh Thurman; and

WHEREAS, John Ferguson, Daniel Smith, and Corey Brewer were recognized for their outstanding efforts and were named to the 2003 Region 4-AA All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, Corey Brewer was honored as Most Valuable Player for the Tournament after scoring twenty-seven points in the final game; and

WHEREAS, the Panthers are most grateful for the endless support of Portland High School Principal, Janet Grogan; Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, Dale Sprouse; Assistant Principal, Allen Dyer; and Cheerleading Coach, Janet Smith; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause to honor the achievements of this team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Head Coach Tris Kington, Assistant Coaches Chris Goode and Danny Thompson, and the young men of the Portland High School Panther Basketball Team on winning the Region 4-AA Championship, and wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.